Outstanding Young Farmer Family

Will Be Selected At Convention

The Outstanding Young Farmer Family of Virginia for 1975 will be selected in Roanoke during the annual convention of the Young Farmers and Young Homemakers of Virginia on Feb. 6-7, spokesmen for those organizations announced recently.

The winning family will be selected Feb. 6 from a field of six nominees selected earlier by young farmer associations in various parts of the state.

About 600 persons are expected to attend the convention which will include the election of 1976 officers, presentations of various awards for farm - related activities and achievements, reports on various undertakings of the groups, and speeches by various officers and educators.

The nominees for the Outstanding Young Farmer Family are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Rountree of Suffolk, members of the Windsor Young Farmer Association; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Cobs of Washington County, members of the John Battle Young Farmer Association; and Mr. and Mrs. E. Cline Brubaker of Franklin County, members of the Rocky Mount Young Farmer Association.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bondurant of Appomattox County, members of the Appomattox Young Farmer Association; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell R. Moyers of Rockingham County, members of the Turner Ashby Young Farmer Association; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Stanley, Jr. of Hanover County, members of the Patrick Henry Young Farmer Association.

The Young Farmers, meeting in the 26th consecutive session, will present awards for crop production and hear an address by Harry K. Rust, a supervisor with the Va. Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce.

Young Homemakers, at their 20th event, will present the annual outstanding member and chapter awards and hear an address by Dr. Andrew Spence Jr., director of the Appalachian Counseling Center at King College, Bristol, Tenn.

The two organizations will meet jointly for the presentation of the Young Family award, which will include a keynote address by Dr. Tom Haggai, a High Point, N.C., minister. Haggai is a syndicated radio speaker, an author, and head of a foundation which aids young people interested in working with the Boy Scouts of America.

There are 100 Young Farmer Associations in Virginia with a membership of approximately 1,750 persons, according to a spokesman for the Va. Dept. of Education. The Young Homemakers have about 1,000 members in 60 chapters.

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Be Sure To Check Tax Returns, IRS Advises

RICHMOND - Taxpayers should double-check their tax returns before filing, James P. Boyle, District Director of Internal Revenue for Virginia, said recently.

"Be sure to note the $30 credit for each personal exemption which is a new item on this year's tax return," Boyle said.

Early tax return receipts at the Memphis Service Center indicate that about ten percent of Virginians are failing to claim the $30 personal credit, thus short changing themselves.

Boyle says, "If you have already filed and forgot to claim the credit the IRS will automatically add the money to your refund, and there is no need to call the IRS or file an amended return."

Citing some of the most common taxpayer mistakes, Boyle mentioned arithmetic errors, use of the wrong tax table or schedules, and failure to sign the return or to attach all necessary documents. Each of these errors can slow processing.

"Errors on a tax return delay any refund that might be due," Boyle added. Often a second check can spot a careless error.

Boyle urged taxpayers to use the peel-off label that came with the tax package on their returns in order to avoid possible social security number errors. Taxpayers can also save time and speed up processing by mailing their returns in the coded, pre-addressed envelope found in their tax packages, according to Boyle.

FILM TO BE SHOWN AT S. SPRING CHURCH

The film, "A Thief In The Night", will be shown at Spout Spring Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night, February 7. The film is based on the second coming of Christ and has been very impressive to all young people who have seen it.

A welcome is extended to area youth and others to attend the showing of "A Thief In The Night" on February 7.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Dixon

Charles Terry Dixon, 35, of Appomattox died at 10:45 a.m. Friday in a Petersburg hospital after a long illness.

Born in Nelson County, he was a son of the late Joseph William Dixon and Bertha Carroll Dixon. He was a former employe of C&P Telephone Co., and a member of Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church.

He is survived by one brother, William Dixon of Appomattox; and six sisters, Mrs. Louise Waycaster of Marion, N.C., Mrs. Ida Mae LeGrand of Richmond, Mrs. Laura Fulcher of Charlottesville, Mrs. Gladys Smith of Concord, Mrs. Mildred Kress of Appomattox and Miss Betty Dixon of Staunton.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday at Robinson Funeral Home, with burial in the Price family cemetery.

Richard Coleman

Richard Drew Coleman, 77, of Rt. 2, Gladstone, died Friday at his residence.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Thomas Drewery Coleman and Mary Phelps Coleman. He was a retired employe in the maintenance department of the C&O Railway after 38 years of service. He was a member of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church, C&O Veterans Association and United Transportation Union.

He is survived by one brother, Thomas N. Coleman of Scottsville; and two sisters, Mrs. W. CLark Moore of Appomatox and Mrs. M. Foster Catlett of Gladstone.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Robinson Funeral Home, with burial in the Coleman family cemetery.

Harry T. O'Brien

GLADSTONE - Harry Thomas O'Brien, 65, of Rt. 1, Gladstone, died Monday at his home.

Born in Amherst County, he was a son of the late Joseph Dillard O'Brien and Mammie Williams O'Brien. He was a member of St. James United Methodist Church and was a retired farmer.

He is survived by a brother, Willie W. O'Brien of Gladstone, and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Richeson and Mrs. Annie O. Watts of Amherst and Mrs. Herman Howell of Richmond.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Driskill's Amherst Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Randolph Campbell. Interment was in the family cemetery at Gladstone.

Mrs. Willy M. Fisher

Mrs. Willie Moore Fisher, 84, of 905 Federal St., Lynchburg, departed this life Monday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore. Her husband was the late Rev. Willy M. Fisher.

She is survived by a brother, Justis Moore of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Mrs. Lelia Mabins of Lynchburg; a devoted sister-in-law, Mrs. Ella Moore of Lynchburg, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Appomattox County. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Joseph L. Childress

Pamplin - Joseph Lee Childress, 77, died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Barbara C. Baldwin of Pamplin.

Born in Charlotte County, he was the son of the late Joe Childress and Rosa Thompson Childress. He was a retired farmer and a member of Rough Creek Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his daughter, he is survived by two sons, Jack Lee Childress of Baltimore and Calvin Childress of Hollywood, Fla.; three other daughters, Mrs. Lois C. Hicks of Keysville, Mrs. Frances Johnson of Pamplin and Mrs. Jean C. Nash of Brookneal, and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, with burial in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery at Phenix.

Robert L. Hamlet

BROOKNEAL - Robert Lee Hamlet, 70, of Brookneal, died unexpectedly Sunday night in Lynchburg General Hospital. His wife is Mrs. Lula Morton Hamlet.

Born in Charlotte County, he was a son of George Robert Hamlet and Mary Lavlett Childress Hamlet. He was a member of Brookneal Baptist Church and Brookneal Lodge No. 267 IOOF, and was a retired employee of Burruss Land and Lumber Co.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by six sons, George R. Hamlet of Gladys, William Milton Hamlet of Madison Heights, Claude Melvin Hamlet, Dave Ronald Hamlet and James P. Hamlet of Lynchburg, and Harold E. Hamlet of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Silas Owen Waller of Nathalie; a brother Charlie Henry Hamlet of Phenix; a sister, Mrs. Clem Jennings of Phenix, and 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brookneal Baptist Church. Interment followed in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Charlotte County, with Odd Fellow rites at the grave.

Henderson Funeral Home, Brookneal, was in charge of arrangements.

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Elton Porton

Elton F. Porton, 45, Idabel, Oklahoma, was killed early January 26, 1976 in a helicopter accident while working on a construction job in Peru, South America.

Family members were told Porton was a passenger in a helicopter which crashed while trying to take off in a fog and high wind.

Born Jan. 17, 1931, at DeKalb, Tex., Porton had been a resident of McCurtain County all of his life. He was employed with Williams Brothers Construction Company of Tulsa, was a veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Baptist church.

He is survived by two sons, Michael and Jeffrey Porton of Appomattox, Va.; one daughter, Susan Porton of Appomattox; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Porton of Idabel, and one brother, Bill Porton of Idabel.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 30, 1976 at 2 p.m. from Norwood - Welch Chapel with interment in Denison Cemetery.

Of Interest To Veterans

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q- Who can change the name of the beneficiary of my VA life insurance?

A- Only you can, and you must notify the VA in writing.

Q- I recently read that I may be entitled to an additional nine months of schooling under the GI Bill. Is this correct?

A- Yes, if you were orginally entitled to 36 months entitlement; were enrolled in a standard undergraduate college or first professional degree program when your entitlement was exhausted; if you have not completed requirements for a baccalaureate or higher degree, and if you need up to nine months to continue your pursuit of a bachelor or first professional degree.

Q- I know that I can claim unusual medical expenses at the end of the year to reduce my income for VA pension purposes. I am on a special diet which includes expensive foods and vitamins. Can these items be included in my claim?

A- Yes. Cost of foods, beverages and vitamins, when specially prescribed by a doctor for treatment of illness and in addition to, not as substitute for, regular diet are allowed as medical expenses. A statement from your doctor must accompany your claim.

Q- What is the maximum loan amount on a VA conventional home loan?

A- There is no maximum loan amount established by the VA on a conventional home loan; however, the maximum guarantee to the lender cannot exceed 60 per cent of the loan value up to $17,500.

Q- I served on active duty in the armed forces from 1942 until 1946. Am I still eligible to use my GI home loan?

A- Yes. The previous expiration date for World War II veterans, with basic eligibility, has been removed.

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Crowd Hears Amature Singers

A large crowd of members, visitors and friends came out last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. to hear the Amature Gospel Singers in a musical concert at the Galilee Baptist Church. The program was sponsored by the church. The pastor of the church presided and extended a cordial welcome. The Rev. J. W. Paige conducted the devotionals. The offering was lifted by deacons L. A. Lawing, Calvin Elliott and M.R. Johnson. All present enjoyed the program.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Beautiful music was rendered by the church choirs. The sermon was enjoyed by all.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

All officers, members and friends of the local Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. and the local Voters League will hold its regular meeting at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Monday evening at 7:30.

All officers, members and friends are invited to attend the regular meeting of the local Assembly this Wed., Feb. 11 at 7:30. Business of importance.

The local Junior Choir of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church has completed plans for its anniversary celebration for the third Sunday evening in this month at 3 p.m. Local Junior choirs have been invited to attend. The guest speaker will be the young Carl B. Hutcherson of Lynchburg.

A large crowd attended the regular morning worship at the Zion Baptist Church last Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Barrett of Richmond, Va., was the guest speaker. He delivered a challenging message from the subject: "The Chickens Coming Home To Roost". The afternoon service was the installation of church officers for 1976. The Rev. Bernard Davis of Lynchburg, was the guest speaker. Rev. Davis spoke from the subject, "Looking Up To God For Higher Things". Everyone enjoyed the entire service. A large number of visitors were present from out of town and local churches. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd from Richmond and also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rudloph Williams, and Mrs. Louise Watkins were among the many guests present. The Zion Baptist Church was very happy to hear that Mr. Howard Allen has accepted the position as pianist. The Ford family of Richmond was the week end guest of Mrs. Julia Terry. The Fords are her nieces and nephews. Deacon James Franklin is feeling much better at this writing. We are happy to know that Mrs. Ora Smith is home and improving. Mrs. Ann Franklin has returned to her home here after spending several months at the home of her late sister, Mrs. Jessie Davis in Amherst. The Rev. L. E. Hankins and family were the Sunday dinner guests of deacon and Mrs. Bernard Lawson. The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Etta Edwards this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Dorothy Pannell has returned to her home here after a successful operation in the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

The regular evening service will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

All members of the Promise Land Men's Club are asked to attend the regular meeting this Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

Mr. Wilford McFay is receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Elected To American Angus Association

There were 242 memberships issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen Agnus in the United States during the past month.

Thomas J. Lucado, Route 3, Box 324, Appomattox, Virginia has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Lloyd D. Miller executive secretary.

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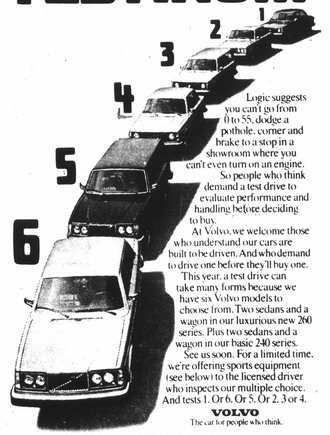
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